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Focusing On The Future Where All Railroads Come Together

RSSI, in our continuing efforts to make our annual exhibitions a learning experience for every attendee, customer and supplier, once again has expanded our horizon. The theme of this year's show "Focusing On The Future - Chicago 2003 - Where All Railroads Come Together" truly represents what RSSI has set out to accomplish - to further demonstrate the importance of the signal and communication contribution to safe and timely railroad and rail transit operation.



Buck Jones/Signal



Alvan Tom/C&S

The 2003 Exhibition will be held July 9th and 10th at The Navy Pier in Chicago. It will again follow the "all-together" format that has been utilized for the past two years. The new format has been wholeheartedly endorsed by the signal and communication community as evidenced by the fact that Chicago 2003 is being co-hosted by communication and signal leaders from all the major railroads.



Gerry Sniffen/C&S

Several of the 2003 co-hosts have expressed a desire to have a greater participation by communication exhibitors. As a result, RSSI is actively pursuing new communication supplier members and encouraging present communication suppliers members who have not participated as an exhibitor in the past to respond to these requests.



Bob Nash/C&S

Commuter rail and rail transit attendance has increased considerably since the new "all-together" format was initiated and most certainly the Chicago 2003 Exhibition will see a significant increase of signal and communication attendees from these properties. Registrations have already been received from commuter rail and rail transit people from Chicago and the surrounding area.



Phil Abaray/Signal
Lynn Andrews/Communication

RSSI Expands Registration

With the increasing attendance at recent C&S Exhibitions we have taken steps to better accommodate the railroad, rail transit and government attendees who register in advance. An **Advance Registration Pick Up and Information Desk** for **railroad, transit and government registrants only** will be located in the East Tower, Bronze Level of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. This facility will be open 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 8th (only) allowing those railroad, transit and government attendees who have registered in advance to pick up their registration packets during meeting breaks without having to travel to the Navy Pier Convention Center.

All On-Site and all Supplier Registration will be located near the exhibit hall entrance in the Navy Pier Convention Center. Registration Desk hours of operation are as follows:

Tuesday, July 8th	10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, July 9th	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday, July 10th	7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Please note that Railroad, Transit & Government attendees can pick up their advance registration packets on Wednesday and Thursday at the Registration Desk located at the Navy Pier Convention Center.

Please note that a secured Luggage Claim area will be available on Thursday for any attendee that wishes to check-out of the hotel and bring their luggage to the convention center.

BOOTH RENTAL/REGISTRATION ON THE "FAST TRACK"

RSSI member companies are reserving exhibit space for Chicago 2003 at a brisk pace. By early-March over 264 booth spaces have been reserved by 101 different suppliers. Based on the current floorplan, there are approximately 48 booths remaining.

Advance registrations are also being received at a faster pace than in the past, especially in the commuter rail and rail transit area. Early indications are that Chicago 2003 will improve on the 1.078 to 1.0 supplier to customer ratio established in Louisville in 2002.

Wouldn't it be great to have more customer attendees than supplier attendees? This could very well be the year.

RPI Becomes RSI

The Railway Progress Institute became the Railway Supply Institute on January 1, 2003 following their consolidation with the Railway Supply Association. RSI Chairman George Kline will address the RSSI membership at the Annual Membership Meeting on July 8th in Chicago where he will provide more information on the consolidation.

FRA ACTIVITIES

It is important that RSSI members be cognizant of what is happening with regard to rule-makings as well as other issues. To keep current on these issues we suggest that you monitor the Federal Railroad Administration website at www.fra.dot.gov and click on Safety.

Chicago 2003 Show Schedule



Monday, July 7:

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Private Meetings

Tuesday, July 8:

Convention Center

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Exhibitor Move-In/Set-Up

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Registration Desk Open

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM RSSI Information/Advance Registration Desk
(Advance Registration Packet Pick Up for
Railroad/Transit/Govt - ONLY)

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Private Meetings

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Panel Discussion

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM RSSI Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Opening Social Hour

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Opening Dinner

Wednesday, July 9:

Convention Center:

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Registration Desk Open

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM Exhibits Open

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Buffet Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Refreshments (Exhibit Hall)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch (Exhibit Hall)

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Social Hour (Exhibit Hall/Beer, Wine & Soda)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Buffet Dinner (Exhibit Hall)

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel:

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, July 10:

Convention Center:

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Registration Desk Open

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Exhibits Open

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Buffet Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

10:00 AM - 4:30 PM Refreshments (Exhibit Hall)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Buffet Lunch (Exhibit Hall)

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM Social Hour (Exhibit Hall)
(Beer/Wine/Soda & Snacks)

6:00 Exhibition Closes

6:30 PM - 11:59 PM Exhibitor Teardown/Move-Out

Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel:

No Events Scheduled

Friday, July 11:

Convention Center:

7:00 AM - Noon Exhibitor Teardown/Move-Out

RSSI Annual Membership Meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 in the Grand Ballroom E-F of the Hyatt Regency Chicago beginning at 3:30 PM immediately following the Passenger/Freight Panel Discussion. An update on the RSA/RPI consolidation, a legislative issue briefing and future RSSI exhibitions will highlight the agenda. All suppliers are encouraged to attend. It's your association - be a part of it - PARTICIPATE.

2002 RSSI Scholarship Winners

RSSI is proud to announce the winners of the 2002 RSSI Scholarship Contest. The two winners were chosen from the 42 qualified applications received. Each will receive \$1000 per semester for the next eight semesters (beginning with the Fall 2002 semester). In addition to the two new scholarships, the following are also currently active:

Heather E. Boyle / Union Switch & Signal, Inc. / Wheaton College
Rachel A. Fautz / Fabricated Metals Corp. / University of Louisville
Candace T. Foxworth / LaBarge Electronics, Inc. / Trinity University
Eli D. Frame / Tessco Technologies / University of Virginia
Justin G. Hagan / Safetran Systems Corp. / University of Louisville
Mark J. McElroy / Union Switch & Signal, Inc. / Pennsylvania State University
Vlad I. Morariu / Union Switch & Signal, Inc. / Pennsylvania State University
Parker E. Terril / Union Switch & Signal, Inc. / Bucknell University



Michael P. Hart

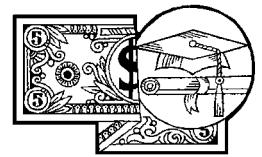
Sponsor: Father, Peter C. Hart employed by Alstom Signaling, Inc.
Attending: St. Lawrence University
Major: Biochemistry



Antony Vydrin

Sponsor: Mother, Lioudmila Vydrina employed by Union Switch & Signal, Inc.
Attending: Carnegie Mellon University
Major: Undeclared

2003 RSSI Scholarship Program



The RSSI Scholarship Program continues to be a success averaging more than 50 applicants annually. Each year scholarships are awarded to qualified applicants to assist with the ever-increasing costs of obtaining a higher education. The scholarships are for \$2,000 per year for up to four years.

Information and applications for the 2003 Scholarship Contest were mailed to all RSSI member Voting Representatives in early January. The Voting Representative is responsible for distribution of information within their company.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2003 contest is May 1, 2003. The two winners will be announced and notified by late July and all the applicants will receive notification. The Scholarship recipients will be featured on the RSSI website (www.rssi.org) and in the next RSSI newsletter.

Meeting Space Available

Complimentary meeting space is available at the Navy Pier to any RSSI member on Monday, July 7th (all day) or Tuesday, July 8th (morning only) for company meetings. Please call the RSSI office at 502/327-7774 for details.

Where Are They Now?

For the past twelve years RSSI has awarded scholarships to eligible participants from RSSI member companies. D'Arcie Anderson was awarded the scholarship in 1996 - here is where she is today:

D'Arcie (Anderson) Chitwood:

The RSSI scholarship helped fund my education at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. The RSSI scholarship was much appreciated; it greatly reduced the financial burden of schooling at a private Christian university. Upon graduation in January, 2000, I worked in a minor emergency clinic at home (San Angelo, Texas) while preparing applications for medical school. While I was waiting for acceptance to medical school, I earned my Master's in Public Health from Texas A&M University System Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health. My concentration was in Policy and Management. While earning my Master's, I learned the foundational importance of health promotion in addition to health treatments. Health promotion and risk behavior prevention efforts are DEFINITELY more economical than the end result of health care treatments. After graduating with honor's from A&M in 2002, I worked as a research assistant for the *Rural Healthy People 2010* project—a document to be used nationally as a blueprint for reducing urban vs. rural health disparities. It was also during this summer before my enrollment into Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine that I married Chad Jeremy Chitwood (August 3, 2002).

Currently, I am a newlywed and a first year medical school student at KCOM. Again, thank you so much for helping fund my education. With God's help, I hope to accomplish even greater things.

Upcoming Industry Events

2003

- May 4-7 World Rail Expo 2003 (REMSA)
Dallas, TX
REMSA - (703) 241-8514
- July 9-10 RSSI C&S Exhibition
Chicago, IL (Navy Pier)
RSSI - (502) 327-7774
- Oct. 5-8 AREMA 2003 Annual Conference & Exposition
Chicago, IL (Palmer House Hilton)
AREMA - (301) 459-3200 Ext. 705

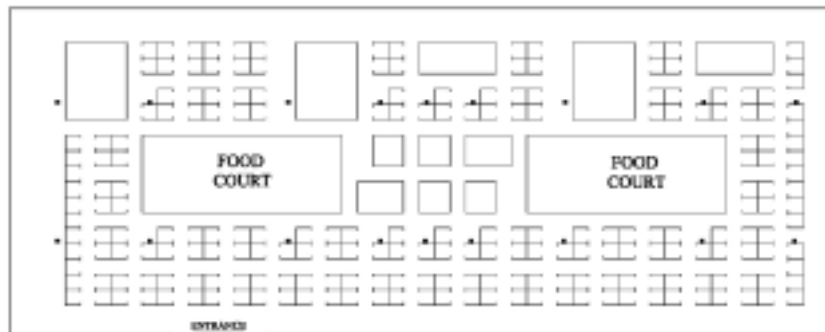
2004

- Jan. 2-6 NRC Conference & Exhibition
Lake Buena Vista, FL (Walt Disney World)
NRC - (202) 638-7790
- May 17-18 AREMA 2004 C&S Technical Conference
Nashville, TN (Opryland Hotel)
AREMA - (301) 459-3200 Ext. 705
- May 19-20 RSSI C&S Exhibition
Nashville, TN (Opryland Hotel)
RSSI - (502) 327-7774

2003 RSSI C&S Exhibition Exhibitors List (as of 3/1/03)

A.M. Signal Systems Ltd.	Dialight Corporation	Mass Transit Magazine	Safetran Systems Corp.
AAA Sales & Engineering, Inc.	Digital Concepts, Inc.	MEC Rail	Saft
Advanced Railway Concepts Ltd.	Dixie Precast, Inc.	Motorola	Siemens Transportation Systems, Inc.
ALSTOM Signaling Inc.	Draka USA	National Electric Gate Co.	Signalmasters, Inc.
American Innovations	Enduron Custom Inc.	National Railway Supply, Inc.	Southwest Signal Engineering
Arthur N. Ulrich Co.	Energy Absorption Systems Inc.	North American Signal Inc.	Stanley Hydraulic Tools
Automated Railroad Mntc. Systems	Erico Inc.	Okonite Company, The	Synertech Moulded Products
Avista Labs	Fabricated Metals LLC	Pencell Plastics	Tiefenbach
Avtec	Fastrax Industries, Inc.	PHW Inc.	Time Code Consultants Inc.
Balfour Beatty Rail Systems, Inc.	G&B Specialties, Inc.	Pocket List of Railroad Officials	Times Microwave Systems
Bender Inc.	GELcore	Power Engineering Industries	Trackside Services Inc.
Carson Industries LLC	GETS Global Signaling	Primus Electronics	Transtector Systems
Cattron-Theimeg, Inc.	GNB Industrial Power	Progressive Railroadng	Tunnel Radio of America Inc.
Cembre Inc.	Grafoplast Wiremarkers, Inc.	PTMW, Inc.	Twin City Signal Inc.
Chicago Railroad Supply, Inc.	Harger Lightning & Grounding	Quantum Engineering, Inc.	Twinco Mfg. Co., Inc.
Comet Communications & Signal Inc.	Hertz Equipment Rental Corp.	Rail Development Group, LLC.	Ultra-Tech Enterprises, Inc.
Commercial Electronics Corp.	Hovey Industries Ltd.	Railroad Controls Limited	Union Switch & Signal
Communi cation Equipment Spec. Inc.	Interrail Signal, Inc.	Railroad Signal International	VELCORP/GEMS
Control Chief Corp.	J&A Industries, Inc.	Rails Co.	Wabtec Railway Electronics
CosmoRail Inc.	JPS Communications, Inc.	Railway Age	Wago Corporation
Custom Steel Manufacturing Ltd.	Kyocera Solar, Inc.	Railway Equipment Co.	Weidmuller Inc.
Danella Rental Systems, Inc.	L&W Industries, Inc.	Retlif Testing Laboratories	Western Towers
Data-Linc Group	LaMarche	RM Star Inc.	Western-Cullen-Hayes, Inc.
Denver Signal Design	Larry McGee Co.	S&C Distribution Co.	Wilmore Electornics Company, Inc.
	Lincoln Industries, Corp.	SafeCrossings	ZTR Control Systems

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